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Bill Jackson  
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Dear Bill,

We are requesting assistance from the DOE and Bechtel in helping us to set up a rotation for one of the 4<sup>th</sup> year medical students at the University of Hawaii. The student's name is Christina Bell and she will be doing a rotation in the Republic of the Marshall Islands from March 22, 1999 to April 16, 1999. Her rotation will consist of shadowing the residents in our clinics and participating in their educational activities. She will be accompanying the residents in both Kwajalein and Majuro and would also be interested in attending the trip to Mejjatto in April.

As the Department of Family Practice at the University of Hawaii, we believe that these types of educational experiences are very important for the medical students, because it exposes them to rural medicine and gives them the opportunity to work with those who are truly underserved. We now have a monthly rotation for the Family Practice residents in the Republic of the Marshall Islands. It is an opportune time for our medical students to also get an excellent experience there.

We are asking your assistance in getting Ms. Bell cleared for entry into Kwajalein and for setting up her housing requirements. All travel and lodging expenses will be paid for by Ms. Bell. There will be no cost incurred to either the DOE or Bechtel.

I appreciate your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 627-3200. Thank you!

Sincerely,

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